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Sec. 38a-683-1. Purpose

Sections 2 through 7 are intended to comply with section 2 of Public Act No. 82-352 concerning the course content and other requirements of an accident prevention course for mature drivers.

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Sec. 38a-683-2. Definitions

Terms used in this regulation shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of motor vehicles.
- (b) "Department" means the department of motor vehicles.
- (c) "School" means an organization or agency that conducts an accident prevention course approved by the commissioner.

(d) "Instructor" means an individual who has been approved by the commissioner for the purpose of conducting an approved accident prevention course.

(e) "Course" means an accident prevention program approved by the commissioner which meets the needs of the mature driver. Nationally recognized courses which meet this need include but are not limited to, American Association of Retired Persons - "55 Alive," AAA-Driver Improvement Program, Aetna Driver Improvement Program, National Safety Council-DDC and Hartford 3-D Program.

(f) "Certificate" means a document or form approved by the commissioner issued to all persons who have attained the age of 62 years completing an approved accident prevention course.

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Sec. 38a-683-3. School approval

In order to be approved, a school must meet the following minimum requirements:

(a) Provide the mature driver with an accident prevention course of at least 7 hours of classroom instruction.

(b) The school may present one of the currently recognized accident prevention programs, but is not limited to these courses.

(c) Each school shall use only instructors approved by the commissioner for the purpose of conducting an approved accident prevention course.

(d) Each school shall have facilities which will accommodate a class of not less than ten persons in a class session and shall have proper lighting, ventilation and rest room accommodations.

(e) No class shall have more than thirty students.

(f) School approvals shall be for a period of two years.

(g) Each school shall provide each instructor with an instructor's manual for its approved course and appropriate audio-visual aids as needed. Students shall be supplied with materials, manuals or workbooks, so they can participate in the course.

(h) The school shall maintain a record-keeping system listing school(s) sites, instructors, class schedules and students processed. Records shall be made available to the department when requested by the commissioner.

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Sec. 38a-683-4. Course approval

To be approved an accident prevention course for mature drivers must meet the following minimum requirements:

(a) A course must provide, but need not be limited to, 7 hours of classroom instruction. No more than four hours of instruction may be given in any one day.

(b) Include instruction in problems that confront the mature driver relative to driving frustrations and effects of aging on individual driving behavior.

(c) Include instruction in the effects of alcohol, drugs or other medication on one's capabilities.

(d) Include instruction in current accident prevention measures, e.g., proper following techniques and handling unexpected driving emergencies.

(e) Include instruction in other subject areas including risk acceptance and one's personality as it affects driving. Perceptual problems likely to be encountered in various driving environments.

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Sec. 38a-683-5. Instructor approval

Instructors who wish to teach in an approved accident prevention course must meet the following minimum requirements:

(a) Be qualified to teach highway safety in Connecticut secondary schools, a commercial driving school or a nationally recognized driver improvement program approved by the commissioner.

(b) Have held a valid driver's license for a period of at least two years prior to the date of application.

(c) Instructor approvals will be valid for a period of two years.

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Sec. 38a-683-6. Certificate of course completion

Each participant successfully completing an approved accident prevention course shall be issued a certificate of course completion by the school conducting the course. A certificate of course completion shall include the following information:

- (1) Name of student
- (2) Student's date of birth
- (3) Student's address
- (4) Date card was issued
- (5) Name and address of school
- (6) Instructor's signature

Each school shall submit its certificate of course completion to the commissioner for approval as to form. No school shall use any form which has not been approved.

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Sec. 38a-683-7. Withdrawal of approval

Any approval of any school, instructor or course may be withdrawn or denied in the event the school, instructor or course does not meet or maintain the minimum requirements of these regulations. No approval of any school, instructor or course shall be withdrawn without first providing such school or instructor with an opportunity for a hearing as provided for in section 4-177 of the General Statutes.

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